

## **Borough District of Drogheda – September 2017**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Borough District of Drogheda held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at Barlow House, West Street, Drogheda.

### **In attendance:**

**Mayor:** Cllr. P. Smith

**Members:** Cllrs: P. Bell, J. Byrne, T. Byrne, K. Callan, R. Culhane, K. Flood, F. Godfrey, D. Saurin, O. Tully

**Officials:** Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services  
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer  
Martina Sheeran, Acting Senior Engineer  
Pat Finn, Senior Engineer  
Alan Sherry, Meetings Administrator

### **Minute No. 92/17**

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. F. Godfrey and seconded by Cllr. P. Bell.

### **Minute No. 93/17**

#### **Matters arising**

- The need to maintain Drogheda's town walls was raised.

### **Minute No. 94/17**

#### **Allocation of Community Grants to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017.**

The Allocation of Community Grants to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017, were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. F. Godfrey and seconded by Cllr. P. Bell.

### **Minute No. 95/17**

#### **Housing and Communities Progress Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following points were addressed:

- Members expressed their concern at the level of homelessness in Drogheda and their belief that the Council was the best means of developing social housing rather than approved housing bodies.
- Members were encouraged to alert the Council to anyone they become aware of that is sleeping on the streets.

### **Minute No. 96/17**

#### **Operations, Marine and Infrastructure Report**

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting and the following points were addressed:

- An update was sought in relation to Carranstown House in Termonfeckin.
- An update was requested in relation to the works on the thatch cottage on the Donore Road.
- It was agreed to inform the members when the bus set down area on the Donore Road will be operational.
- It was agreed to update members in relation to enforcement action being taken on the owner of Bayview House.
- Members were asked to bring any issues they have in relation to the closure of St. Laurence's Gate to the attention of the Senior Engineer, Operations.
- The need to repair the pot holes at the chapel in Tullyallen was raised.
- Information was requested in relation to the poor water pressure in the Newfound Well area.
- The need to address nettles and other weeds encroaching on adjoining lands was raised.

### **Minute No. 97/17**

#### **Consideration of the Heritage and Bio- Diversity Plan**

This matter was deferred to a later meeting.

### **Minute No. 98/17**

#### **Date of Budget Meeting**

It was agreed by the members to include the draft budget for the municipal district as an item on the November meeting agenda.

## Minute No. 99/17

### Notice of Motion

**Proposed by:** Cllr. K. Flood  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. P. Bell

"This Municipal District will submit a report on how the Port Access Northern Cross Route can be delivered through expected developer contributions/levies based on the planning permissions granted for developments along the Port Access Northern Cross Route."

### **REPLY:**

**As the members are aware in approving the revised Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2021, the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme created to fund the PANCR was dissolved. The Council has purchased the land required, over the past number of years, for the PANCR, which is a long term capital project and an objective of the development plan. However, many of the 10 year permissions granted in the area, which initially would have funded the PANCR through the Supplementary Contribution Scheme, are about to expire, and are now subject to the revised Contribution Scheme. This will affect the timely delivery of the project. Any future development contributions received may be used to fund the PANCR.**

*Members emphasised the need for this piece of infrastructure to be progressed in order to facilitate much needed housing development. Cllr. T Byrne suggested that a private company be approached to carry out the work and Cllr. Bell expressed his wish to have his objection to the suggestion recorded.*

*Members agreed the motion.*

## Minute No. 100/17

### Notice of Motion

**Proposed by:** Cllr. K. Flood  
**Seconded by:** Cllr. P. Smith

"This Council will install a mini roundabout on the Termonfeckin Road at the entrance to Termon Abbey, Aston Village and new Beaulieu Manor Estate".

### **REPLY:**

**To establish whether additional traffic management is necessary at the junction, whether that be a mini-roundabout or other appropriate intervention, would require a full and detailed analysis of traffic flows and traffic management at the junction. There is no funding available at this time to undertake a traffic study of the junction or to carry out any improvement works.**

*It was pointed out that that a mini roundabout was contained in the original planning permission for Aston Village.*

*Members agreed the motion*

**Minute No. 101/17**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr. K. Callan**

**Seconded by: Cllr. P. Smith**

"That the Council undertake the necessary works and processes to allow for the Butter Gate to be cleared of vegetation and made accessible as a visitor attraction via the Joe Stanley 1916 Garden. That this effort will form part of the town and councils approach to cherishing and protecting and utilising our town gates and walls."

**REPLY:**

**The lands in question are not in the ownership of Louth County Council. There are no plans and or resources at present to secure ownership and or access to the lands as set out in the attached maps. The lands in the control of Louth County Council surrounding the Joe Stanley 1916 Garden are maintained to a high standard.**

*It was agreed that the member would meet with the Director of Service to discuss the matter.*

*Members agreed the motion.*

**Minute No. 102/17**

It was proposed by Cllr. Bell, seconded by Cllr. Flood and agreed by the members to suspend standing orders in order to allow the meeting to continue until 8.10 pm.

**Minute No. 103/17**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr. F. Godfrey**

**Seconded by: Cllr. T. Byrne**

"That the Borough District of Drogheda call on the Minister for Local Government to appoint a Town Manager and to reinstate Drogheda Borough Council".

**REPLY:**

**This is a matter for the Members.**

*It was agreed to inform the relevant Minister of the Motion.*

*Member agreed the Motion.*

**Minute No. 104/17**

**Notice of Motion**

**Proposed by: Cllr. P. Bell**

**Seconded by: Cllr. K. Callan**

"In response to the catastrophic failure in the water supply infrastructure in Drogheda which resulted in an eight day period of water rationing and interruption I call on this Council to demand that the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government make available the necessary funding estimated to be 5 million euro to facilitate the total replacement of the 2.1 kilometre asbestos water pipe at Staleen water facility and that we request Meath County Council and Area Councils to pass a similar motion in this regard."

**REPLY:**

**The calling on the Minister to make funding available is a matter for the members. Louth County Council continue to deliver water and waste water services in partnership with Irish Water under the terms of a Service Level Agreement. Louth County Council continue to highlight the infrastructural needs of the service in the County and will work with Irish Water in delivering the necessary improvements in the water and waste water infrastructure.**

*It was agreed to inform the relevant Minister of the Motion.*

*Member agreed the Motion.*

The meeting then concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_